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successively applying transparent ink over the half-tone layer to form additional intermediate layers of ink over the half-tone layer of at least two ink colors, each color of ink being applied and dried before the next color of ink is applied and the inks forming a portion of the image on the window covering; and
applying a top coat over the additional intermediate layers of ink.

Remarks

This is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/416,361 which has been allowed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The change to the specification mentioned above was made and approved in the allowed parent case.

Enclosed is a substitute drawing with proper margins which has previously been approved in the parent case.

Claims 1-3 have been cancelled by this preliminary amendment because these claims as amended are some of the allowed claims in the parent case.

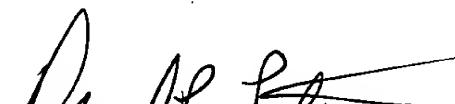
A marked-up copy of claim 6 showing the changes to this claim is included herewith. Claims 4 and 5 are unchanged and therefore a marked up copy is not included. A marked up copy of claims 7-18 is also not included herewith because the claims are newly presented.

The application should be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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**Marked-up Version of Amended Specification and Claims
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)-(c)**

6. A process ~~according to claim 5 which further combines:~~

(a) a thin, flexible film of plastic material, having a thickness between 4 mil and 10 mil which self-adheres to a non-porous surface through cohesion and atmospheric pressure;

(b) a printed, colored image which is translucent, allowing light to pass through but diffusing it so that objects on either side cannot be clearly distinguished from the other side;

whereby a window covering is made which is easily installed and removable, visually exciting, colorful, and translucent, that is, it allows light to pass through but which cannot be clearly seen through;

the process further combining:

(c) printing using sunfast UV inks, ultra-violet light absorbing varnishes, and hardening agents in such a manner that the result absorbs most of the ultra-violet light and resists damage;

whereby a window covering is made which has the qualities described in claim 4 and has been printed and coated in such a manner as to be highly resistant to the effects of ultra-violet light, protect the interior contents from the harmful effects of ultra-violet light, and is highly resistant to scratching and other types of damage;

the process further combining:

(ed) images which have designs that tile together to fill spaces larger than the individual pieces,

whereby a window covering is made which has the properties described in this claim 5 and has the additional quality of being able to fit almost any size window.